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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of 6 Aug 2003, please

amend the above-identified application as follows: